

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 9 and 12 and leaves claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-16 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-16.

Applicants acknowledge that the present application has been examined in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, wherein the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters.

Claims 9-15 stand objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Particularly, the Examiner requests that claim 9 be amended to depend from claim 6 rather than claim 1. The present Amendment amends claim 9 so as to depend from claim 6. Therefore, this objection with respect to claim 9 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action the Examiner objects to claim 12 as using the initials of a phrase. Particularly, amendments were made to claim 12 to recite a Virtual Private Network (VPN). Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Since amendments were made to the application to correct the informalities as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action, this application is now in condition for allowance in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.38907X00).

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